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NO TIDINGS FROM MACKEREL FLEET

Fog Bothering Seiners on the Cape Shore.

There is no news up to noon from the mackerel seiners now at Cape Shore, while the vessels are reported in various harbors from Liverpool to Canso. The weather the last few days has been rough and the coast is enveloped in fog, preventing the vessels from fishing.

Only two netters with small fares are reported at Newport, as the rough weather of yesterday kept the vessels in port.

The Halifax Chronicle of Tuesday says that owing to the very unfavorable weather last Saturday the mackerel catch was small. The boats were prevented from fishing during most of the day by the weather conditions. Altogether about 2000 fish were shipped to the Halifax Cold Storage Co., the most of them being caught at Dover, Prospect and Terrance bay. Some of the American fishermen succeeded in making small catches with the purse seines while the weather moderated.

The Canadian Fish Bureau of Tuesday reports a few mackerel being taken from Lockeport to Louisburg, with 1500 taken at White Head and 150 at Prospect.

Capt. Mack of the Br. sch. Clintonia, which arrived this morning from Lunenburg, N. S., reports that he left Lunenburg Monday afternoon and that night he run through numerous schools of mackerel from Liverpool to Cape Sable, about six or seven miles off shore, but saw no seiners, as the latter were all in the vicinity of Halifax. He also saw large schools on Western Bank and near Sable Island, which he thought might have been big bank herring, which never come in shore, as they were nearly as large as a good size haddock.

It would not be surprising if some of the vessels were heard from at any time having secured good hauls and on the way home.

Netters at Newport.

Sch. Tecumseh, 700 fresh mackerel.
Sch. Alice, 275 fresh mackerel.

Mackerel at Block Island.

A despatch to the Times from Block Island says that quite a number of schools of mackerel have been seen out south and east of the island and one or two traps in the south side caught from 800 to 1000 each yesterday afternoon. The prospects look fine here for June mackereling, both seining and drag netting.

Gray Seal on Exhibition.

A gray seal was on exhibition at the fish store of John Burns, Jr., on T wharf, Boston, yesterday, which had been captured in Boston harbor and brought to T wharf. The seal was inclined to be vicious at first, but as it became accustomed to the crowd seemed to realize that no one would hurt it, and allowed the more daring to pat its head.

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GOOD TRIPS OF SALT COD.

Pollockers Bothered by the Weather Yesterday.

The fish receipts at this port today are confined to two salt codfishing trips from Quero bank aggregating 400,000 pounds, one of whom is a Nova Scotia craft, one from Georges with 40,000 pounds and three or four with small catches of pollock.

The market shows no change, and is governed by Board of Trade arrangement.

The vessels from Quero bank report the trawlers doing fairly well, but the handline fleet to date had done nothing.

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Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

Sch. Georgiana, via Boston, 60,000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Mabel D. Hines, Quero Bank, 200,000 lbs. salt cod.
Br. sch. Clintonia, Quero Bank, via Lunenburg, 200,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Ralph Russell, Georges, 40,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston.
Steamer Mystery, shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Jeffrey, shore, 18,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Bryda F., shore, 5000 lbs. pollock.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Washakie, swordfishing.
Sch. Kinco, halibuting.
Sch. Rose Standish, swordfishing.
Sch. Good Luck, drifting.
Sch. W. H. Rider, drifting.
Sch. Senator, halibuting.
Sch. Margie Turner, pollocking.
Sch. Emily Sears, swordfishing.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, had-docking.

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CURED FISH STOCKS LIGHT.

Prices Reported Firm With an Upward Tendency.

Firmness and a moderate amount of activity prevail in the salt fish market here. While tradings are fairly active, shipments are not so large as earlier in the season, owing to large distribution of fresh fish that is now being made.

Circulars of one of the large operators quote price of all kinds of salt fish as firm with an upward tendency. The stock on hand they say is unusually light and as shipments are quite brisk, the holdings will be depleted unless the bank fleet arrive from their spring trips earlier than expected.

The first arrival 10 days ago of sch. Arethusa, with 414,000 pounds of choice cod, met with ready sale. The second arrival yesterday and also of a provincial craft, each with 200,000 pounds, will help to strengthen the market. The masters of these vessels report the dory handline fleet as meeting with poor success, and a large number of them spoken, were poorly fished, with only from 5000 to 20,000 pounds. As the Gloucester bank fleet, with the exception of eight or 10 vessels, is engaged in dory handlining, it does not look bright at present time for any large addition to what is now held in first hands.

As the season advances, the trade will be sending forward larger orders for cut fish, which

Will Not Take Long to Absorb the Present Supply.

At the present time it does not appear as if any great supply would come forward.

In view of conditions as now presented, it seems that the supply of cod and other ground fish sufficient to meet the heavy demand that later must follow, will be of a limited character.

As yet, no salt mackerel have been landed and reports from Cape Shore indicate that most of the entire seining fleet which is now operating in that section have not yet taken any fish. In fact the domestic catch of mackerel will necessarily be limited, so that the greater bulk of the supply will be by importation. It is well known that the only salt mackerel to be received here must come in the present trip of the vessels at Cape Shore, for the vessels when fishing nearer home sell their fares at Boston and New York fresh for immediate consumption.

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FRESH FISH PRICES SOARING.

Light Receipts at Boston of All Varieties.

Receipts of all kinds of fresh fish at Boston today is of the lightest order and confined to four vessels of the shore fleet and prices in consequence are soaring.

Indeed they have reached highwater mark for this season, when it is at a time when fish of all kinds are low. But the prices for the last month have been higher than ever known before at this season and are beyond all expectations.

The outlook for tomorrow does not appear any better, as the vessels out will make it a point to be in about Monday morning, so as to commence the week with a strong market confronting them.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Boston Arrivals.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, 1000 haddock, 9000 cod, 3000 pollock.
Sch. Gertrude, 15,000 haddock, 2000 cod.
Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 10,000 haddock, 1500 cod.
Sch. Rose Cabral, 11,000 haddock, 5000 cod.
Sch. Gladys and Nellie, 4000 haddock, 4000 cod, 150,000 hake, 6000 cusk, 1000 pollock.
Haddock, \$2.75 to \$3; large cod, \$4.85 to \$5; market cod, \$2.00 to \$3; large hake, \$3.50; small hake, \$1.50 cusk, \$1.35; pollock, \$2.50.

Fish Caught By Anchor Chain.

A remarkable catch of a big fish in Chesapeake Bay is reported by the officers on the Norwegian steamer Tancered, lying at Baltimore. The steamer was on her way up the bay and came to anchor off Sandy Point over night. Next morning when her anchor was being raised the mate, who was watching the cable come in, saw something wriggling in the water. The entire chain was hoisted a little further and it was seen that a big fish had been caught in one of the links.

A man was sent over the side, and when he came back he had a fine Chesapeake Bay mackerel weighing over five pounds. The fish was dressed and served for the cabin dinner. It is supposed that the fish in chasing prey ran into the link of the chain and wedged itself so tight that it could not get loose.

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Cod Fish Sales.

The fare of salt bank codfish brought in yesterday by the Lunenburg, N. S. sch. Clintonia, was sold to the Gorton-Pew Company at \$3.12 1-2 per cwt. for large and \$2.87 1-2 for medium.

The bank fare of sch. Mabel D. Hines, was sold to Frank F. Smith & Co., at \$3.25 for large and \$3 for medium.

This is a raise of 12 1-2 cents on medium, from the sales of the first bank trip of sch. Arethusa.

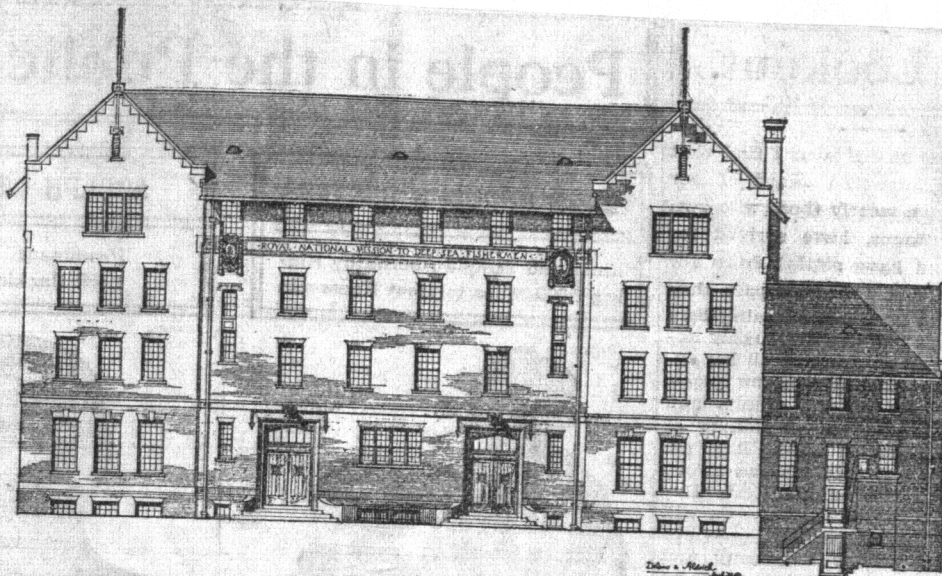
This raise shows an upward tendency, and it is predicted that prices will be much firmer as the season advances.

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Cannot Get Men for Fishery.

Planters and merchants all over Newfoundland are now experiencing the greatest difficulty in procuring men for the fishery, and many of them find it utterly impossible, owing to the number of men required for railway construction by the Harmsworth Company and other inland enterprises, the supply of men is pretty well used up. At Carbonear planters are offering \$30 per month for the fishermen and cannot get men. At Harbor Grace and Bay Roberts, the same thing exists, and at Catalina there are now about 20 schooners lying idle because the owners cannot get crews to fill them.

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ROYAL NATIONAL MISSION TO DEEP SEA FISHERMEN, ST. JOHN'S, N. F.

SEAMEN'S INSTITUTE AT ST. JOHN'S.

Crowning Achievement of Lifework of Dr. Grenfell.

Dr. Wilfred Grenfell, after 18 years service for the fishermen and Eskimos on the Newfoundland and Labrador coast, is now entered upon what may be considered the crowning achievement of his splendid work in behalf of humanity, the building of Seamen's Institute at St. John's, N. F.

The population of Newfoundland and Labrador is about 300,000. Of this number, 200,000 men, women and children are engaged in catching, curing and preparing fish for market. St. John's is the capital of the colony, with a population of about 30,000. It is called the greatest fishing port in America. It is beautifully situated on the southeast coast of Newfoundland, with a beautiful land locked harbor, with its narrows, almost like a gateway.

It is reckoned that 85,000 fishermen and seamen visit this port annually, many of them from this port. Of this number about 50,000 are fishermen who market their catch in person at St. John's. From 4000 to 5000 out harbor men come each year to join the sealing fleet. Foreign merchant men from all the principal Atlantic seaports, bring to St. John's annually 26,000 seamen. Almost all the "out-port" traders, buy their outfits and supplies at St. John's.

There is not a place in the city

where one of these men can spend an hour of innocent recreation. The harbor is circled by no less than 57 saloons.

The disastrous results of this lack of provision for innocent diversion for the men and their families has so wrought upon Dr. Grenfell that he has determined to provide a clean, homely and economical house, such as shown in the picture where they can get, board, lodging and entertainment.

Fishermen Enthusiastic Over the Project.

The fishermen all around the outposts are enthusiastic, and contributions have been made by them through much sacrifice. The saloon has been driven out on the whole Labrador coast through the persistent efforts of Dr. Grenfell, and nearly every port in Newfoundland has prohibited the sale of liquor; but when the fishermen, their sons and daughters come to St. John's, as they are forced to do twice a year, nothing but temptation besets them. The fatal lure to them is not so much for strong drink as companionship. This home has been planned to mitigate these conditions, to stand between the seamen and the perils of the harbor.

Dr. Grenfell's three-fold aim is to make the building a radiating centre of helpfulness, an object lesson in cleanliness and power for righteousness. The plan is for an auditorium,

reading-room, single bedrooms, dispensary, and possibly a swimming pool, as many fishermen on account of the coldness of sea water do not learn to swim. The reading-room has been provided by the "Lend-a-Hand" societies, in memory of Dr. Hale. Mr. Charles F. Karnopp of Wisconsin, a former worker with the International Y. M. C. A. is to take charge of the home. He has already spent eighteen months on the ground, and thoroughly understands the conditions. The government and the citizens have furnished the site and such aid as they are able. Those who are familiar with the conditions know full well the impossibility of accomplishing such a task at St. John's alone. It will therefore, be a popular enterprise of the Grenfell Association at 14 Beacon street, Boston. Mr. Karnopp is said to be a man of the Grenfell type. He has been the past week in Boston, whence he goes to New York, Toronto and Montreal. The Gloucester fishermen often run into St. John's for aid. Dr. Grenfell has officiated where typhoid fever has taken hold of the fishermen in the Gloucester fleet.

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LARGEST SHACK FARE ON RECORD

Sch. Thomas L. Gorton Weighed Off 254,225 Pounds of Codfish.

Vessel Was Gone Only One Month on Entire Trip.

Capt. William H. Thomas of sch. Thomas L. Gorton, who arrived first of the week from a Cape North shacking fishing trip, has the honor of landing the largest fare by any vessels engaged in that branch of the fisheries from this port, and what is all the more noticeable, he was absent but one month.

225 pounds, of which 153,502 were fresh cod and 100,723 salt cod. This enormous fare, which was purchased by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co., will ensure the owners a fine stock, and crew a good share for their month's work. Capt. Thomas is noted for the many big trips he has brought in, but this one surpasses all previous records. The stock realized from this enormous trip was \$5600, while the crew of 22 men shared \$142.59 each.

The amount weighed off was 254,-

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SEINERS AND NETTERS IN PORT.

Bad Weather Prevents Both From Seeking For Mackerel.

There is no favorable news from the mackerel fleet this morning in any direction. Both seiners and netters are held in port by unfavorable weather, which is much to the regret of captains and crews, as the season is getting short in both branches.

mackerel are reported being taken at Louisburg, only a short distance from the point where they disappear. It is evident that the spring fishing down there has but a short time to procure trips.

At Newport the netters are reported in the harbor, as the weather is too rough for fishing. Yesterday none of the netters went out and all the fish reported there today is 1000, landed by two vessels. To these fishermen every day counts, as the season is getting short. Not more than two weeks more remain for those who intend to go swordfishing.

At White Head, N. S., on Tuesday one drifter took 1000 large mackerel, and at Port Pheila a few were taken in nets. The steamer Prince George at Boston yesterday from Yarmouth, N. S., had among her cargo 20 barrels of fresh mackerel.

Cape Shore Seiners Held in Port by Bad Weather

From the Cape Shore today comes the news that rough weather prevails there, and the American seiners are in various harbors along that coast. This condition has existed most of the time during the last 10 days, which has been a great drawback to the seining operations.

Netters at Newport
Sch. Marguerite, 900 fresh mackerel.
Sch. S. P. Willard, 100 fresh mackerel.

The time down there is also getting short, for it is a well-known fact that the run of large spring mackerel do not remain long in those waters. This has been the case since the remembrance of the oldest inhabitant and the present situation has not changed. Those who have had practical experience in spring and early summer mackerel fishing along the Nova Scotia coast, know that the fish first make their appearance at Yarmouth, in the Bay of Fundy, and gradually continue their migrating course down the shore, only halting a day or two at various places until the reach Scatterie, when they appear to be lost to the seiners. As

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Loading Fish for This Port.

Sch. J. S. Glover of Portland, which is loading salt fish at Port Clyde, Me., for this port, has made some quick passages in the past two weeks. The schooner left Portland a little over two weeks ago for Round Pond, then to Port Clyde where she went on the railway for overhauling and painting. She then loaded salt fish for Gloucester, went to the Bay State port, discharged and is now back at Port Clyde. From the time she left that place until she returned she was gone half a day less than a week, and this included the time she took in discharging her cargo.

Receipts of fish at this port today were at low water mark, for since last report only one vessel has arrived from Georges with 35,000 pounds of salt cod.

The pollock fleet did not put in their appearance last night, as was expected, so it is evident they did not strike fish yesterday. All the larger vessels of this fleet are on the Nantucket ground, where pollock have been schooling the last two weeks, and some good catches were made. The shore boats are finding fish scarce, and receipts from this source are unusually light and disposed of for immediate consumption.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.
Sch. Etta Mildred, Georges drifting, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. Mary C. Santos, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.
Sch. Corsair, dory handlining.
Sch. Victor and Ethan, haddocking.
Sch. Jubilee, drifting.
Sch. Mary E. Cooney, haddocking.
Sch. Priscilla, Boston.
Sch. Almeida, halibuting.
Sch. Paragon, halibuting.

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Today's Fish Market.

Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
Large salt handline Georges cod, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.00.
Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
Salt pollock, \$1.25 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1.25; salt hake, \$1.25.
Round pollock, 70 cts. per cwt.; dressed pollock, 75 cts.
Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.60; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.60 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 80 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, round, 65 cts.; dressed, 70 cts.

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FISH RECEIPTS CONTINUE LIGHT.

Aggregate For Week Shows Respectable Proportions.

Fish receipts at this port today continue of a limited order, the principal arrival being sch. Onato from an eastern shacking trip, with 220,000 pounds of salt and fresh cod, and 1000 pounds of halibut, one trip from Georges of 45,000 pounds of cod and one of hake of 45,000, which together with 20,000 pounds of pollock, constitute all that is here.

However, the aggregate for the week, owing to a few large trips, which arrived earlier, make a respectable showing.

The shore fleet is still meeting with poor success, as seen by the few fish they are landing here. The rough weather of the last few days has retarded progress of the pollock seiners, who have been unable to prosecute this industry to any advantage.

In consequence of prevailing conditions, the market on all kinds of fish is active and prices well sustained.

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Sch. Onato, Peter's Bank, 75,000 lbs. salt cod, 145,000 lbs. fresh cod.
Sch. Eugenia, Georges, 45,000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. A. C. Newhall, shore, 45,000 lbs. hake.
Sch. Independence, shore, 15,000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Bessie A., shore, 3000 lbs. pollock.
Steamer Marchant, shore, 3000 lbs. pollock.
Sch. William Keene, Cutler, Me., 47 bbls. salt clams.
Steamer Elthier, Portland, for Block Island, seining.
Sch. Belbina P. Domingoes, shore.
Sch. Fannie Belle Atwood, via Boston.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Olympia, drifting.
Sch. Harriett, haddocking.
Sch. Motor, swordfishing.
Sch. Pauline, Georges.
Schs. Senator Saulsbury, dory handlining.

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Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
Outside sales drift Georges salt cod, \$3.50 per cwt. for large and \$3 for mediums.
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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Atalanta, bound to the banks, arrived at Liverpool Tuesday last.